

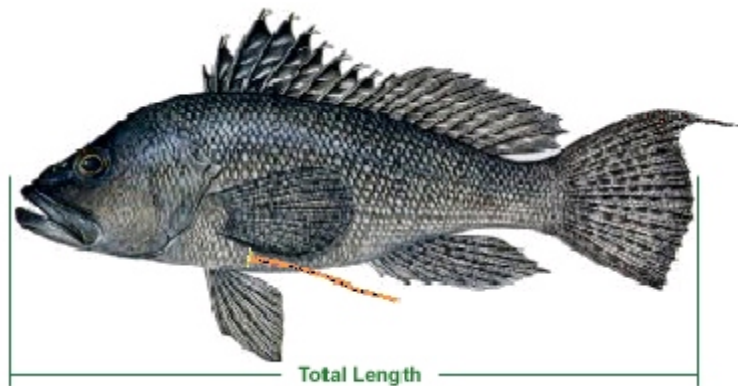
ATTENTION

Reward offered for the return of black sea bass tags

The Northeast Fisheries Science Center, an arm of NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries), is presently working in cooperation with state fishery agencies, commercial fishermen and recreational fishing communities to study migration, abundance and exploitation of black sea bass populations. Since September 2002, the project has released more than 13,500 tagged fish off the coast of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia.



The tags used in this project are a 3 1/2" section of plastic spaghetti tubing, with an orange or red color, inserted into the left side of the fish; or an electronic data storage tag (1" x 3/4") mounted near the dorsal fin; each tag contains a unique number which is necessary to claim a reward. Fishermen are asked to remove the tag and call the phone number below to provide the necessary information:



NEFSC: (508) 495-2000

- Name, address and phone #
- Tag number listed on the tag
- Date of recapture
- Location of recapture (lat/lon or loran C preferred)
- Total length (tip of head to end of tail, excluding the filament)
- Disposition and fate (whether the fish was kept or released)

Each recapture is eligible for a reward, the value varies by tag number.

<http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/read/popdy/blackseabass-tagging/SeaBass-Home.htm>